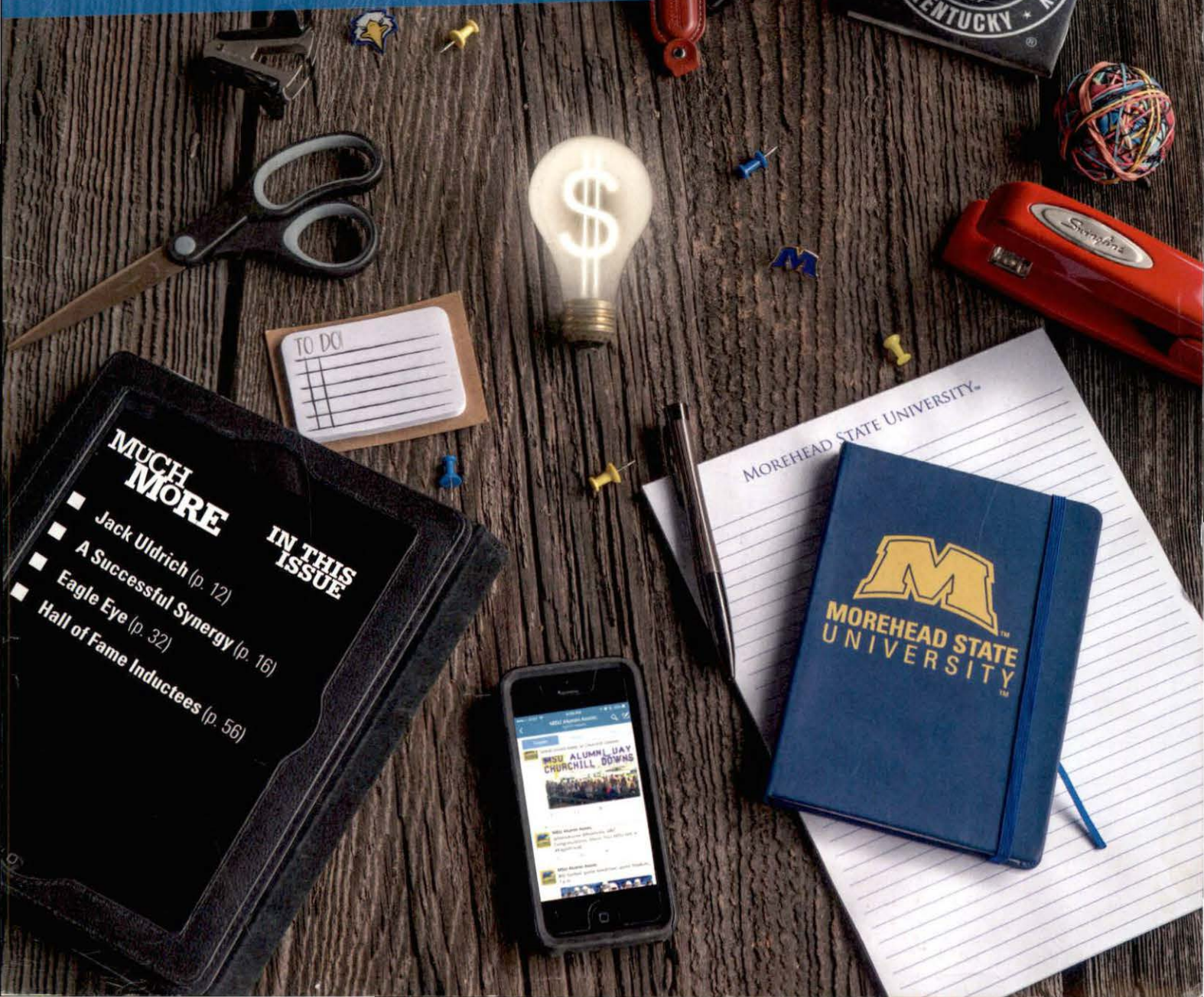


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Greetings fellow alumni,

As we have entered into an exciting new year, I am thrilled to be serving as president of the MSU Alumni Association. Morehead State University has always been dear to my heart and I am honored to be able to give back to the institution I love through this role.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of my presidency, and I encourage you to get involved and join us at one of our many events we hold each year, both in Morehead and beyond. I also ask that you stay connected with MSU by becoming an active member of the Alumni Association so we can keep you updated on all the exciting developments at our alma mater.

There is something special about returning to campus year after year and I hope many of you will make that trip down memory lane. In years to come, it is our dream to have a new Alumni & Welcome Center so proud alumni like you and I can have a facility to call "home" – a place where Eagles can return to their nest. Will you help me make this happen?

I can't wait to share this journey with you. I hope to visit with many of you soon.

Jason S. Rainey (03)

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Around MSU

Hawkins named Museum Educator of the Year

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center announced that outreach educator **Susan Hawkins (08)** was recognized as the Museum Educator of the Year by the Kentucky Art Education Association.



MSU named military-friendly school for support of student-veterans

Morehead State University has been named a "Military Friendly School" for the seventh straight year by Victory Media and made the Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 rankings in Military Times (its sixth year making the list). MSU has consistently shown a proven track record for the support and success of student-veterans.



White is recipient of the 2015 Chaffin Award

Charles Dodd White, an assistant professor at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tennessee, received MSU's Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Achievement in Appalachian Writing.

MSU named among 'Best Online Colleges' in Kentucky

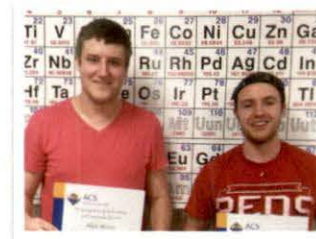
AffordableCollegesOnline.org (AC Online), a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, has released its ranking for the 2015-16 "Best Online Colleges" for Kentucky. MSU was ranked third in the state.

MSPR provides Radio Eye services

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and Radio Eye have partnered to provide a radio reading service through WMKY at 90.3 FM. Formed in 1988, Radio Eye is a nonprofit organization based in Lexington that broadcasts the reading of printed news, magazines and community events over special radios to people who are blind, visually impaired or have any disability that makes reading difficult or impossible.

Students score in 100th percentile on exam

A pair of Morehead State University chemistry students recently made almost perfect scores on a national standardized organic chemistry exam. John (Nick) Alcorn and Josh Carty scored within the 100th percentile on the American Chemical Society Full Year Organic Chemistry Standardized Final Exam.



Stamps, 1890-1900





#MuchMoreProgress

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews snapping a selfie with students in front of one of three on-going construction projects on campus. These new residence halls and facilities, set to open in 2016-17, will transform the Eagle experience at MSU.

"The students told us they want better housing, better food service, better parking and better technology. All four of these improvements are underway," Dr. Andrews said. "MSU has done a lot of work on the planning of these projects. Every MSU student will benefit."

Follow President Andrews on Twitter @MSU_President.

For more information on MSU's construction projects, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/progress.

WE'RE ON THE MAP

Arifin goes from MSU to D.C. for Voice of America

When **Ariono Arifin (00)** first got into radio, he was a high school DJ broadcasting pop hits in his hometown of Jakarta, Indonesia. Nowadays, as a producer for Voice of America (VOA) in Washington, D.C., he's focused less on the Top 40 and more on the day's top stories.

Between those stops in his media career, he was determined to get the education he needed to be successful in his profession, and that quest eventually led him to the campus – and the airwaves – of MSU.

Arifin's time at MSU wasn't his first introduction to America. He grew up in the states when his father was stationed across the river from the nation's capital in Arlington, Virginia. When he moved back to Jakarta, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in human sciences from Trisakti University in 1995.

Ultimately, Arifin said settling into a career in broadcasting and production was a bit of a twist in his story, and earning his master's at MSU helped cultivate his passion.

"I wanted and had promised myself that I would one day continue my studies in the United States," he said. "I was interested in studying communications and MSU's master's program had the whole package."



Arifin said he was very much into life in the mountains and MSU's small town charm. But much of the time, he was staying busy in school working as a graduate assistant for Morehead State Public Radio, WMKY 90.3 FM.

"The fact that WMKY is an affiliate of National Public Radio is really nice. I was exposed to more," he said. "I worked as a sound board operator during All Things Considered and I had a lot of fun with it."

Arifin said earning his master's degree at MSU gave him an opportunity to study the industry as a whole and allowed him to build a solid foundation in several areas, including radio production, advertising and television. As his graduation drew near, he received guidance and support from professors as he prepared for his job search. This helped him get his foot in the door at VOA, first as an intern before working his way up to a full-time position.

Arifin has come a long way, figuratively and quite literally, from his time DJ-ing in Indonesia. He said it wasn't just his desire to learn that aided him in his success, it's where he learned.

"Since I have been out of school, media has evolved tremendously – it is ever changing," he said. "MSU gave me a solid foundation to build on."



Eagle alum flies the globe covering the news

"Above all else, enjoy telling the stories."

Carlo Angerer (09) was born in Mueldorf, Germany, and studied abroad in South Africa and India. As a reporter, he's taken assignments in Afghanistan, Ukraine and Iraq. He's literally flown around the globe both for his education and his career, but he would tell you his time at Morehead State is where he first got his wings.

Angerer grew up working at school newspapers, writing for local papers and participating in an exchange program that brought him to the United States. He contributes part of his success as a journalist to time he spent at MSU and the hands-on experiences he gained fueled his passion for the field.

"The attention I received in class played a role in shaping me into the reporter I am today," Angerer said. "The mentorship I received from **Joan Atkins (79)** (former advisor for The Trail Blazer and retired journalism professor) and other professors was invaluable."

Angerer added that much of his time at MSU was spent taking what he learned in the classroom and applying


it to real life situations. He served two semesters as sports editor for The Trail Blazer before becoming managing editor, and stayed busy working shifts at Morehead State Public Radio and MSU-TV.

After graduating from MSU in 2009, Angerer immediately pursued a master's in sociology at the University of Freiburg, Germany. He now serves as a multimedia reporter for NBC News online, where he has assisted in coverage of events such as the election of Pope Francis, the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan, the death of Nelson Mandela, and the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Angerer said taking advantage of all the opportunities on campus to gain work experience and build a strong professional network was essential to his success.

However, the best advice he could give budding reporters just might be the simplest.

"Above all else, enjoy telling the stories."



Calvert Award assists nontraditional business students

Pam Calvert (91) is all too familiar with the challenges that nontraditional students typically face as they work toward earning their degrees. As a nontraditional transfer student from Ashland Community and Technical College, she worked hard to complete a Bachelor of Business Administration over the course of six years while also raising her young child.

"I know about the trials nontraditional students endure and it can sometimes feel like there are always so many obstacles set against you," Calvert said. "But if I can offer any advice – stick with it. There were many times I felt like giving up but the long hours, late nights and hard work all pays off in the end."

Calvert's background in business and love of people enabled her to create her own event planning organization, Plan Ahead Events. She also works as the director of events for the Home Builders Association in Lexington, Kentucky. Her desire to help students with circumstances similar to hers led her to establish the Calvert Award for Nontraditional Students in 2003. The annual scholarship assists

students from Kentucky and gives preference to students enrolled in MSU's School of Business Administration.

"It is exciting to think in a small way that I'm helping students achieve their dreams," Calvert said.

"I understand the burden and this is my way of encouraging these individuals to stay in school."

Calvert said it's an honor to help nontraditional students through her award and she loves learning about the recipients of the scholarship. She has kept every thank-you note she has ever received. Calvert's love for learning and the encouragement she received from faculty members as a student played an important role in her educational journey; one that she hopes every student has the chance to experience.

"I sincerely feel that MSU is a special place. There are so many professors who made me want to be a better student and shaped me into the person I am today," Calvert said. "I pushed through some days because of the instructors who were invested in my life; they truly cared about my success."

Newest Calvert Award recipient passionate about accounting



"An interesting ride" is how Theresa Banks describes her experiences so far in higher education. The Cumberland, Kentucky, native began her journey in the fall of 2013. Her son had just graduated high school and they decided

to take classes together through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

"It was my first time stepping foot into the classroom in 23 years. I used to suffer with anxiety. Age can be an intimidating thing," Banks said. "But you figure out what you are passionate about and find your comfort zone."

Banks graduated from KCTCS in May, earning her Associate in Art and Associate in Science degrees with a 4.0 GPA. Her desire to further her education continued to grow. Eager to begin studying accounting, she decided to transfer to MSU.

"I have gotten so caught up in the excitement of learning. MSU was a perfect fit for me," Banks said. "The flexibility and availability of their online accounting program has been wonderful. I can pursue school without worrying about uprooting my family."

Banks said she was initially worried that the online learning experience might be overwhelming. However, she has found that her instructors continually make themselves available and respond to her questions quickly.

She said she is thrilled to have been considered for the Calvert Award.

"When I started this journey I was excited and applied for so many scholarships but because I'm a nontraditional student, I wasn't entirely sure what to expect," Banks said. "This is all a completely new experience for me. When I found out I had won this award, I was floored. The whole process so far has been rewarding."

If you are interested in contributing to the Calvert Award for Nontraditional Students or would like to explore more ways you can support students, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 800-783-ALUM or alumni@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU online business programs receive soaring honors

When it comes to both the quality and affordability of an online business education, several notable sources have deemed MSU a worthy investment.

MSU's online bachelor's in accounting program not only received the distinction of being named a "Most Affordable Online Accounting Degree Program" by College Values Online (ranked 21st), but it was also named "one of the top online

bachelor's degree in accounting" programs by BestColleges.com (ranked 23rd).

Morehead State's MBA with a concentration in health systems management also was ranked the 18th best in the nation on The Best Schools (www.thebestschools.org) list of "The 25 Best Online MBA in Healthcare Management Degree Programs."



"The best
way to predict
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is to create it
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- Jack Uldrich

JACK TO THE FUTURE

Jack Uldrich helps MSU students glimpse the world of tomorrow

The timing of renowned futurist Jack Uldrich's visit to Morehead State University for the Presidential Lecture Series was almost impeccable. The moment he took the stage on Oct. 15, 2015, the future was actually happening – at least in a pop culture sense.

Making a reference to the then-approaching date of Oct. 21, 2015, a significant day from the 1985 sci-fi classic "Back to the Future," he told the crowd of 750 in attendance at Button Auditorium that while the hoverboards from that movie's fictional future might not be our current reality, exciting and sometimes daunting technological changes are fast approaching.

"As a futurist, I have the privilege of stepping back and looking at the big picture," Uldrich said. "It's difficult to see the transformation, but it's coming."

Uldrich is a prolific speaker on leadership and technology, a best-selling author of 11 books, contributor to publications like The Wall Street Journal and Wired Magazine, and a regular guest on TV shows like the Science channel's "Futurescape" and Discovery's "Inside Out."

During his appearance at MSU, he used a projector, multiple media examples, crowd participation and a touch of humor to discuss trending technologies that could shape our future, including wearable tech, 3-D printing, robotics, artificial intelligence and gene sequencing.

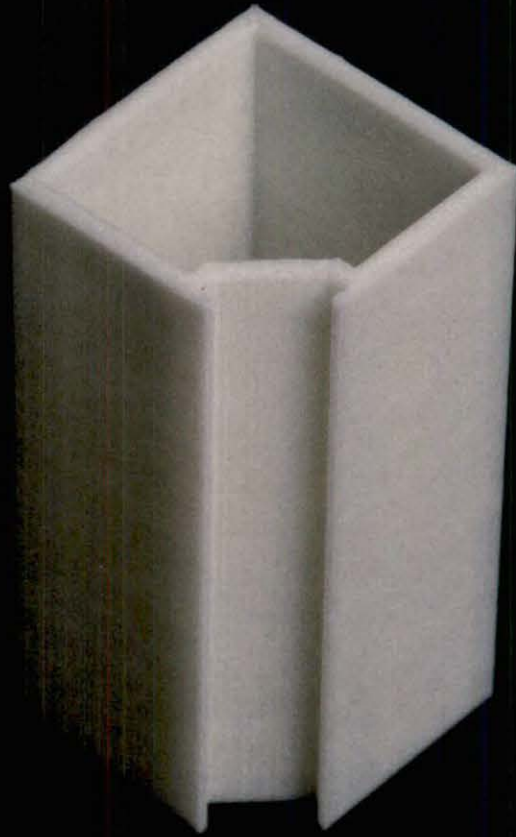


"All these trends, they're not creeping up linearly, they are shooting up exponentially," he said. "All of this change requires us to unlearn some things."

The title of the event was "Jack Uldrich: The Big AHA," and this is where that "AHA" comes into play. AHA is an acronym for Awareness, Humility and Action. Uldrich said all of these characteristics are key to understanding, adapting to and excelling in a fast-changing future.

Uldrich's presentation of an ever-evolving technological world was occasionally daunting while also being entertaining and enlightening. But in a press conference leading up the event, he emphasized the human potential to make the future something to look forward to.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself," he said. "I try to get people to understand that the future is in their hands and they have to create it."



Say “Hello” to PocketQub

What you are currently looking at is a full-scale model of a miniature satellite called a PocketQub. Despite its small size (it's only two inches long), the body of this satellite will be equipped with a half a dozen small parts, including solar panels, a radio, power supply, and a command and data handling board.

A version of this satellite was developed by faculty and students at the Morehead State University Space Science Center and launched into space in 2013 in collaboration with Sonoma State University in California and a Russian ICBM missile base near Yasny, Russia, which served as the launch site.

to fabricate a satellite and assemble it before they build the real thing out of aluminum or other metals.

This version of PocketQub was printed at the Innovation Launchpad, which is part of the Kentucky Innovation Network at Morehead State University. And, like a 3-D printer helps ideas materialize, the Innovation Launchpad wants to provide a space where Eastern Kentucky's aspiring entrepreneurs can bring their visions to life.

The Kentucky Innovation Network formally launched in 2004 and this facility, managed by the Booth Center for Entrepreneurship, provides cutting-edge facilities and 24-7 access for both ambitious students and budding enterprises.

"The Innovation Launchpad offers you a location for

them moving ahead and growing."

While any and all potential businesses are welcome to utilize the Innovation Launchpad, Gay said it could prove an ideal starting point for technology and innovation-based businesses. It features space for assembly, Wi-Fi Internet access, printers, smart board technology, plenty of white board space for brainstorming ideas and conference rooms that are available for public use.

Gay said he hopes the Innovation Launchpad at Morehead State will potentially help foster many great ideas to improve the economy of Morehead and beyond.

"We want to create an entrepreneurial community. We want people to come in and collaborate – to learn

A Successful Synergy

MSU's College of Business & Technology

The fields of business and technology are no longer independent entities. Instead, they are increasingly integrated. Future business leaders and entrepreneurs will often need to utilize technology to aide in business success while those in tech-related fields will require business acumen to bring their ideas to the marketplace.

That is one of the reasons why Morehead State University recently established the College of Business and Technology as a way to provide students even more opportunities while helping to transform the economy of Eastern Kentucky.

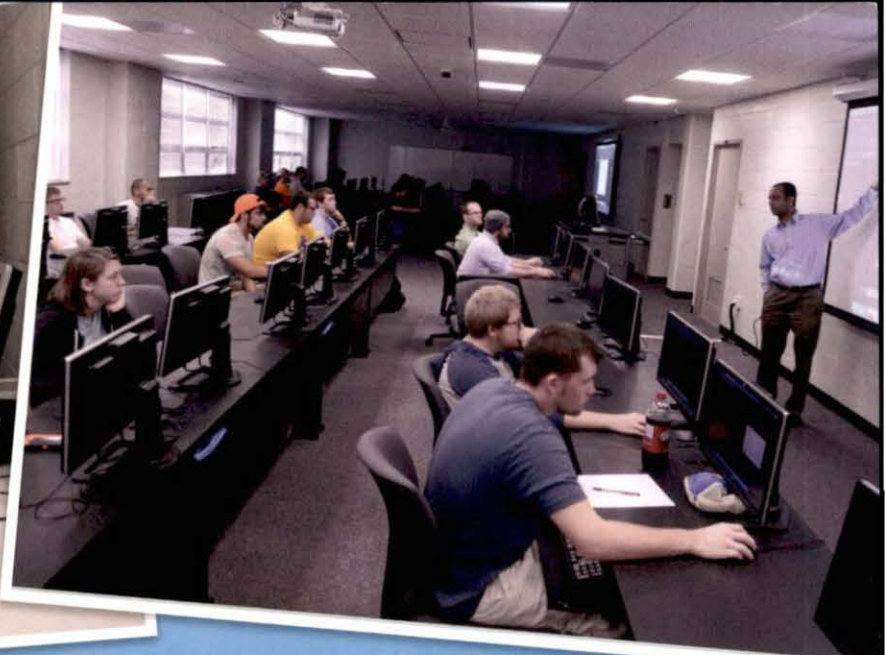
The College of Business and Technology was created in 2015 and is home to the new School of Engineering and Information Systems. The creation of this new school was overseen by an external advisory board comprised of 25 top engineering, manufacturing and technology-related companies, including Toyota, KDMK, Boneal Inc., and Mazak, among others. The board helps advise in the creation of curriculum, provides financial support and offers co-ops and internship opportunities to MSU students.

Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Information Systems, said reorganization left both technology and business programs at MSU untouched and was done with sights set on the future.

"Morehead State University has made a strategic investment in the future of engineering, technology and business programs," he said. "With the establishment of the new college, the student will be prepared and have even more advanced engineering and technology-related skills and become more marketable."

One of the new facilities that will aide in giving students this advanced skill-set is the 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems. This center has been fully functioning since October 2015 and is equipped with state-of-the-art hardware that complements software from Siemens Global Opportunities in Product Lifestyle Management (GO PLM). The funds to establish the center helped to update and create laboratories in design, modeling and simulation, as well as manufacturing, automation and robotics.





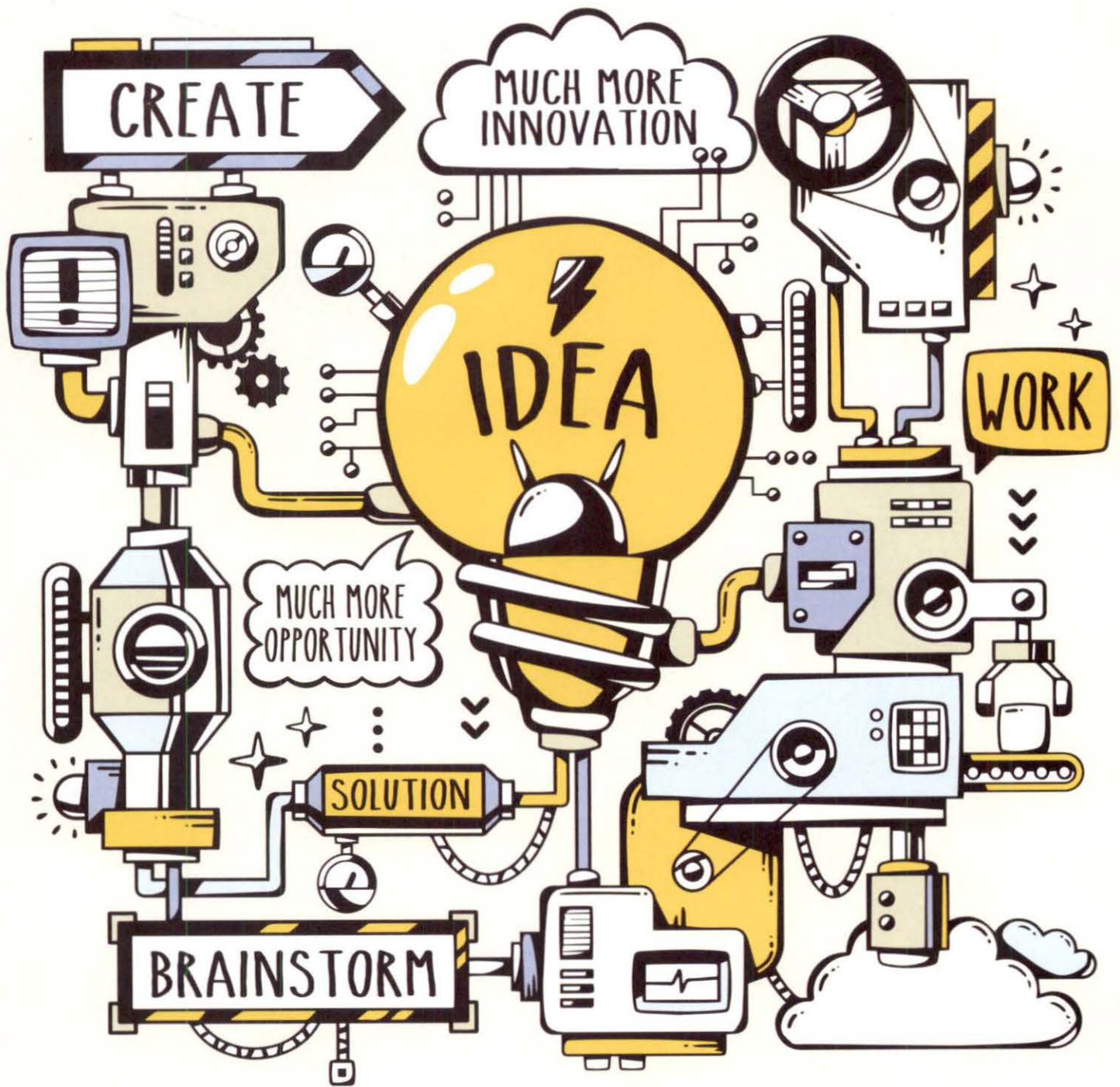
"We think that the 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems is one-of-a-kind," said **Steve Defazio (96)**, president and COO of Takumi Stamping Inc., and board chair of the advisory board for the School of Engineering and Information Systems. "It's something Morehead State has to offer that's a niche, particularly in industry. Therefore, it becomes a recruiting tool for manufacturing people because we know what we're getting when we hire those graduates."

In addition to increasing knowledge and abilities of students studying tech-related fields, a key reason for the establishment of the College of Business and Technology is to meet the changing needs of Eastern Kentucky. Both engineering/tech and business students be will under the same umbrella, which could lead to the creation of new academic

courses and programs. These students also will have access to resources like the University's Innovation Launchpad. **Dr. Bob Albert (84)**, dean of the College of Business and Technology, thinks it has the potential to spur entrepreneurship, compensate for the loss of traditional jobs and reshape the economic landscape in the years ahead.

"By creating more opportunities for technology students to interact with business students, we believe we can help them develop the business skills they will need to commercialize their own ideas or to help the companies who employ them do likewise," Albert said. "This has the potential to not only benefit our students, but also our region by supplying business-savvy engineering professionals and better prepared entrepreneurs. This combination, ultimately, can help move the needle on regional employment."





BUILT FOR SUCCESS

When ambition meets a great education, it can go a long way. If you want proof, look no further than the numerous graduates from MSU's School of Business Administration. Here, you'll meet a few proud Eagles who have used passion, dedication, vision and work ethic to succeed in business and entrepreneurship.

SUSAN MARTIN

Ever since she was a teenager growing up on a farm in Paris, Kentucky, **Susan Martin (82)** had serious dreams about horsing around.

"From the time I was probably 14 years old, I was really into horses. Thoroughbred horses. I followed them. I wanted to know as much as I could about them," she said.

Now, not only does Martin have extensive knowledge about thoroughbred horses, she is the marketing manager of The Jockey Club in Lexington, Kentucky, a century-old company that serves as the registry for all thoroughbreds in North America.

While Martin always wanted to turn her love of horses into a career, how it came to be wasn't her initial plan. She enrolled at MSU with plans to study either agriculture or be in the pre-veterinary program but made the switch to business her sophomore year. She thoroughly enjoyed the change and said taking a marketing class taught by **Dr. Bill Pierce (64)** gave her an even sharper focus.

"That's when the bells started going off and the lights started going on and I thought, I really love this," she said. "That's what I could see myself doing for a career."

She still found time to interact with the animals working with yearlings on a horse farm during the summer. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration – Marketing, and later earned her MBA from MSU in 1983. She fell in love with MSU and the community. She taught part-time for the School of Business Administration as an adjunct professor before becoming a full-time instructor for two years. At one point, Martin was also a program director for the Morehead



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radio station WMOR and was color commentator for Lady Eagles basketball games.

As much as she loved teaching at MSU, Martin's business education, combined with her interest and hands-on experience with horses, made her the ideal candidate when The Jockey Club needed to hire a marketing manager in 1988. She's been

with the company for the past 28 years, overseeing all of the club's marketing activities and its website EquineLine.com, an online service to gain access to thoroughbred horses from around the world.

Martin said the preparation she received from MSU helped lead to her ideal career. Now, she's helping to shape the future of her alma mater. She currently serves on both the Business Advisory Board of the College of Business and Technology and the Board of Trustees for the MSU Foundation.

In Martin's career in business, she said it's been important to never rule out trying to make a living out of something you love.

"If there is an area that you are particularly interested in, try to get some experience in that field as well," she said. "If you can end up doing something with that, that field you have a passion for, it's like you are never going to have to work a day in your life because you are going to enjoy what you do, and that is so important."

DAN MARKWELL

To succeed in business and entrepreneurship, you can't just have a vision. You have to put in the work to make it a reality.

Dan Markwell (91) knows a lot about hard work and knew it from an early age. Between tending the family garden, raising pigs and cattle, and doing odd jobs for neighbors, that's about all he did.

"I only had one TV station and I didn't have time to watch it because I was working," Markwell said. "It didn't matter what the job was. If it was available, I was doing it."

The work ethic of the Morgan County native helped him not only graduate from MSU's School of Business Administration, but also become the co-founder/co-owner of Trademark Insurance & Investments in Morehead.

Markwell's interest in business first began in high school but he knew that opportunities lay beyond his hometown. He enrolled at Morehead State University, which immediately broadened his horizon.

"You grow up in rural Kentucky, you pretty much get to know one type of people," he said. "You go to Morehead State, you get to meet people from all over the country and the world."

Markwell worked his way through college and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. He then obtained his insurance license and went on to open a full-service insurance agency, Trademark Insurance & Investments, with co-founder and fellow MSU alumnus **Jim Collins (92)**.

Over the course of 20 years, he began to dabble in real estate while working full-time, first buying a few residential properties before getting into commercial investments. Now, as a primarily



commercial real estate developer, he owns various buildings across town.

Bought a cup of coffee at the Fuzzy Duck Coffee Shop or some books or a gift at CoffeeTree Books lately? That's his building. Have you recently rented a vehicle from Enterprise Rent-A-Car or bought a

cupcake from Artsy Tartsy? Those are his, too. His latest and most notable development is the New Towne Square shopping center on Stone Street, which currently houses a half dozen businesses including Fazoli's, Morehead Pediatrics and WMOR 106.1 FM with more businesses opening in the future.

Markwell said he wants to use his investments to improve the lives of his fellow citizens and not just his bottom line.

"The community I decided to live in has always been important and if I'm going to live here and raise my kids here, I'm going to do what I can to make the community the best I can," he said. "Making a profit without helping people is kind of hollow, so you want to make sure you're doing both."

All of Markwell's hard work to improve his city didn't go unnoticed by MSU. This past May, he was honored as the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award during the University's College of Business and Technology Honors Banquet.

Prestigious honors and fruitful investments may be something Markwell will take the time to reflect on, but that time isn't now.

"There's a certain feeling of accomplishment but, at the same time, it's 'what's left to be accomplished?' and that's kind of the way I feel when I see it," he said. "I kind of feel it's a job that's not yet done and there's more that needs to be done. I need to do my part."



JAY AND SHELLY SORG

William DeShazer/Louisville Business First

Every successful business has likely had humble beginnings. For **Jay Sorg (94)** and his wife, **Shelly Sorg (95)**, that amounted to conducting baseball lessons out of a barn or doing exercise classes in churches, schools and basements.

The Sorgs are entrepreneurs who started out as student-athletes at Morehead State and managed to turn their love of sports and fitness into several successful businesses.

Jay, a Louisville native, and Shelly, originally from Elgin, Illinois, both came to MSU on athletic scholarships (baseball and volleyball, respectively). The two of them started dating their sophomore year after they met nursing sprained ankles in an ice tub. Aside from athletics, they also had similar upbringings and ambitions.

"My father always instilled in me the value to be able to work for yourself," Jay said.

"(My whole family are) self-made entrepreneurs, so I knew I wanted to be too," Shelly said.

They each graduated with business-related degrees, with Jay earning a Bachelor of Business Administration with an option in accounting and Shelly earning a degree in exercise science with a minor in business. Jay went on to play professional baseball under the Cincinnati Reds organization for 12 years as a minor league player and later took on roles as a hitting coach, manager and field coordinator for minor league spring training. He would eventually return to MSU as the baseball team's head coach from 2007 to 2012.

Shelly became a certified aerobics instructor and personal trainer while at MSU. She earned a master's degree in health promotion from the University of Louisville in 2003 and has been a certified strength and conditioning specialist for 17 years.

As they would find out later, Jay and Shelly not only complemented each other as marriage partners, but also business partners. Shelly initially became a sales associate for Univera personal care products 10 years ago and her husband left his job at MSU to become a Univera associate in 2012. With that income, they were able to fund their side businesses in baseball training and fitness. Eventually, their respective clienteles grew and the idea to combine their businesses developed.

"Our businesses are driven off of health, wellness and performance and we are able to balance our businesses between those three areas and they just complement each other," Jay said.

Now, you'll likely find Jay and Shelly in their new 6,300 square-foot facility in New Albany, Indiana. It is home to both the Jay Sorg Baseball Academy and Shelly Sorg's Transformation Training, which they hope will become a sort of one-stop shop for sport, health and wellness in New Albany and the neighboring Louisville area. They're excited to see how far it can go, but they're even more excited that they can build their businesses together.

"I always say two is better than one," Shelly said. "When you have two people working toward the same goal, it has to be better."

Much more than a professor.

Dr. Travis Lockhart

Two students were cutting up at MSU during a play rehearsal for "The Elephant Man." Their professor, Dr. Travis Lockhart, told them to focus with a simple phrase: "Not during work, fellas, not during work."

That expression ended up having a profound impact on one of those students. **Greg Leslie (86)** and his company, Cardinal Media, are based at his current home in Washington state, where he produces documentary films, primarily for nonprofit agencies. Leslie said those words shaped how he approaches his work to this very day.

"I still use that phrase today when I work with my creative teams. It means 'we are daring to be vulnerable and open with each other at this moment, as we get to the heart of these characters; do not remove yourself from this, and respect the bravery of the folks around you who are,'" he said. "Whenever I'm on the set, whether it's an interview with a victim of a tragedy or even a CEO discussing his or her vision, I create a space and atmosphere, with cast and crew alike, to be vulnerable and comfortable to share with me."

Leslie was a radio/TV major with a theatre minor and met Lockhart when he was cast in a production of "Our Town." Leslie later took Lockhart's introduction to theatre and theatre directing classes. He said much of what he learned has carried over into his career.

Lockhart recalls Leslie to be an energetic student and theatrical player with a passion for film and

media who was "wise enough to see the value of theatre training to his career goals." He said he is touched that his words resonated with Leslie.

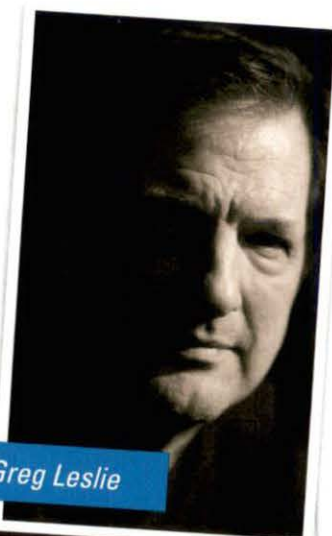
"I am humbled," Lockhart said. "My attitude toward teaching echoes the physician's motto, 'first, do no harm.' A student brings his talent, intellect and individuality to the teacher, who helps him direct it in productive ways. But, first and foremost, it is his or her talent and individuality. The ultimate credit for the student's success belongs to the student."

Lockhart was a theatre professor at MSU from 1982 to 2005. He and Leslie had a chance to reconnect after 20 years last August at a MSU theatre reunion.

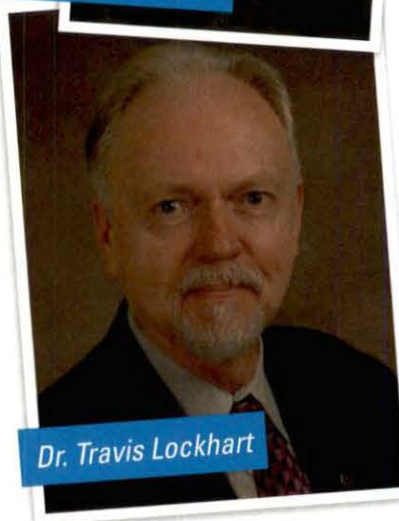
"I'm older now, early 50's, so it was more like fellow travelers

letting each other know we liked each other's company and still do," said Leslie. "He's very humble. I don't think he realized the influence he had on folks."

"It was an easy rekindling of a cherished friendship," Lockhart added.



Greg Leslie



Dr. Travis Lockhart

Honor a Faculty Member

Did you have a professor while you were at MSU that had a profound, lasting impact on your life?

Email statement@moreheadstate.edu and tell us about him or her, and your story could be featured in a future issue.



Creating A Legacy for Future Generations

Hamilton family carries out mother's wishes for Eagle Nation

Whether it was a family member, a close friend or a complete stranger working the counter at the local grocery store, it never took long for anyone to figure out that two of **Shirley Hamilton's (57, 62)** favorite colors were blue and gold.

"As long as I can remember, everywhere we went, she was all about Morehead State," said daughter **Stephanie Fightmaster**.



A long-time employee at MSU, Hamilton retired as the director of community development and continuing education in 2000 after more than 20 years of service to the University.

Throughout her life, she always made it a point to encourage and help those in need go back to school to earn their college degree. Similar to her late husband **Steve (58)**, a former professional major league baseball player and professional basketball player who established the Steve Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund, she had plans to establish a scholarship of her own.

Hamilton passed away from Huntington's disease on Nov. 23, 2014. At that point, Fightmaster and the other Hamilton children – **Elizabeth Terry (83)**, **Robert Hamilton (82)** and **Daniel Hamilton (95)** – along with the MSU Foundation, established the Hamilton Memorial Scholarship, which benefits nontraditional students in financial need with a preference given to female students.

"We just kind of assumed it would always happen," Fightmaster said of Hamilton establishing a scholarship. "After she passed away, we children thought, even though there wasn't anything official put in writing, that was something we needed to do."

Hamilton's children believe the family's gesture in honor of their mother embodies both the generosity she showed toward others and the support she had for MSU.

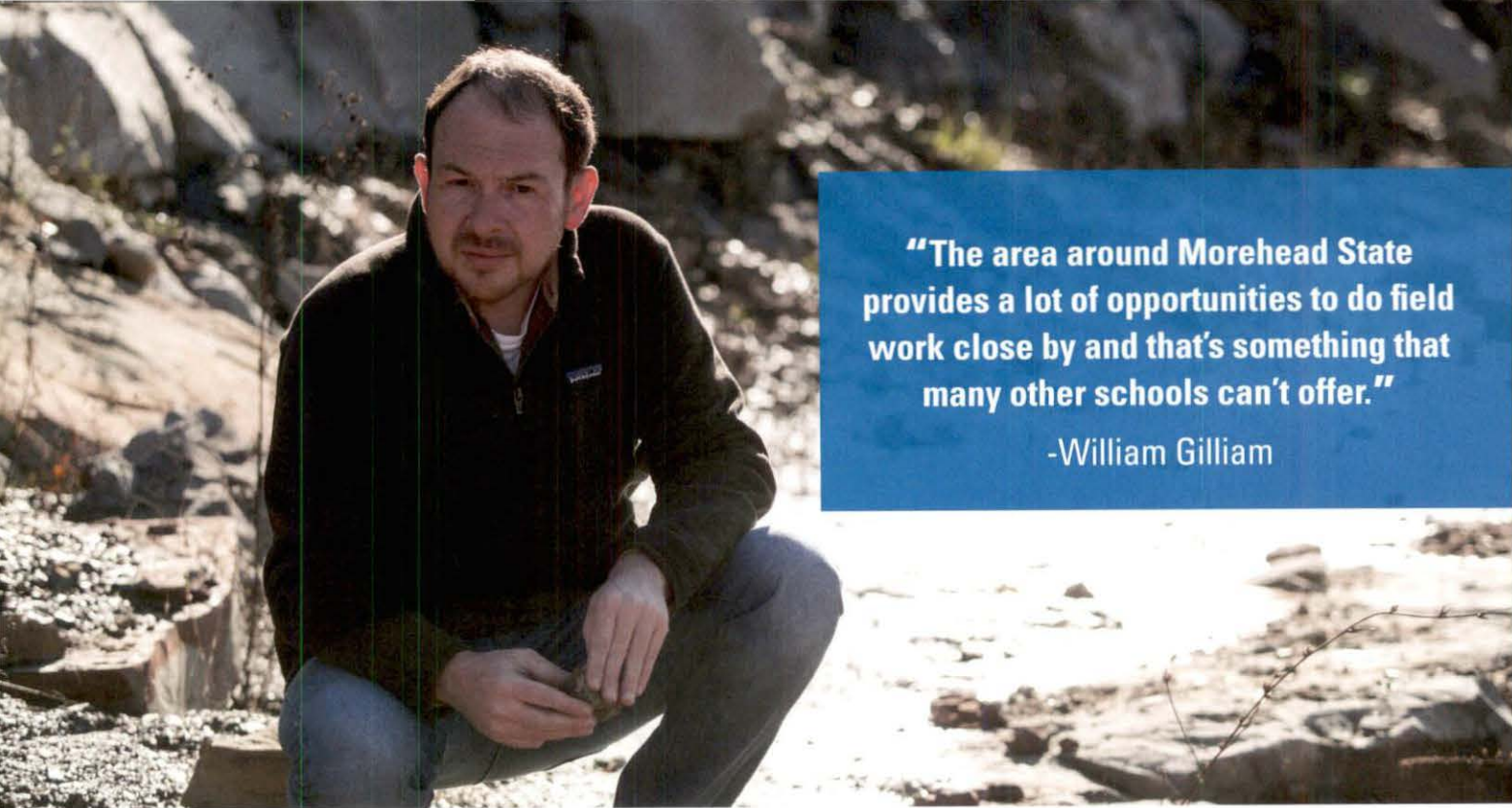
"She was very much not about celebrating herself. She was very much just about promoting the University," Fightmaster said. "It's a great way for us to honor our mother's memory to continuously have this scholarship available. She would love that."

The Visionary Society includes individuals who remember MSU through planned gifts such as bequests, gift annuities, trusts, life-estates, life insurance, or another planned gift vehicle, and therefore provide for the future beyond their years.

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Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 800-783-ALUM so we can add your name to the Visionary Society List!

What will your legacy be?



“The area around Morehead State provides a lot of opportunities to do field work close by and that’s something that many other schools can’t offer.”

-William Gilliam

Gilliam credits success in geology with hands-on learning at Morehead State

While many Eagles have taken their careers to new heights, **William Gilliam (06)** is one who has found his success underfoot.

Gilliam is president of Terra Nova Explorations, an oil and natural gas exploration company based in Morehead that uses geological data to find underground oil and natural gas reservoirs in the Central Appalachian region.

He said that thanks to the education, opportunities and the environment at MSU, he was able to get a jump-start on his geological pursuits.

“In geology, you have to be able to work out in the field,” he said. “The area around Morehead State provides a lot of opportunities to do field work close by and that’s something that many other schools can’t offer. That hands-on experience has been paramount to my success.”

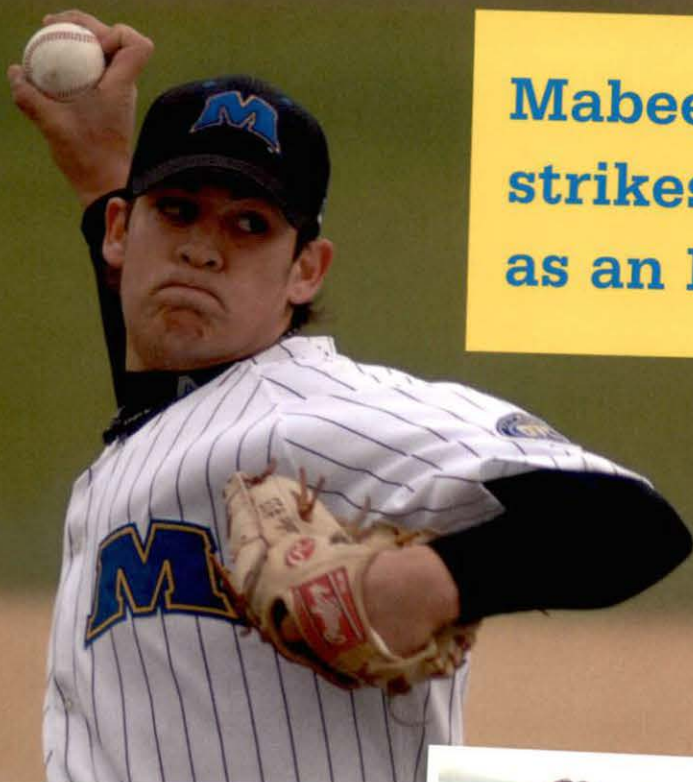
While he was an undergraduate student, Gilliam received the Richard A. Walls Scholarship for

geology students and graduated from MSU’s geology and earth sciences program. **Walls (71)**, another MSU geology grad and president of Escarpment Energy, eventually ended up collaborating with Gilliam when their companies entered into a joint venture to explore natural gas resources in the region.

Gilliam said Terra Nova Explorations has also made a conscious effort to give back to both MSU and Eastern Kentucky. His company is offering internships to MSU geology students during the summer while investing millions of dollars into land leases in the region that has a direct, positive impact on the local economy.

“We are looking for conventional and unconventional resource opportunities and we’re taking a hard scientific look at Eastern Kentucky, and that’s something I don’t think a lot of companies have done in this region,” Gilliam said.

Mabee goes from throwing strikes to tossing his cap as an MSU graduate



Henry Mabee (15) left his home in British Columbia with one goal: to play professional baseball. He achieved that goal, leaving college early and playing for a number of minor league teams.

But Mabee eventually found his way “back to the nest” to earn his college degree from MSU.

“It was a goal I had set for myself,” he said. “Once I finished (baseball), it was only natural to finish another goal, which was to graduate.”

Mabee was a pitcher for the Eagles from 2006 until he was drafted by the Chicago White Sox baseball organization in 2007. While at MSU, he had 165 strikeouts and tied for the single-season record for completed games in 2006. He played professionally for the Kannapolis Intimidators, the Winston-Salem Warthogs and the Birmingham Barons before retiring in 2013. He now lives in Phoenix with his wife **Melinda Humen Mabee (09)**.

Mabee returned to school thanks to an NCAA Division I Degree Completion Award Scholarship, which helps student-athletes who have exhausted



Henry & Melinda Mabee

their eligibility for institutional financial aid to finish their degrees. He returned to campus surrounded by younger students, which made him feel a bit like a fish out of water.

“When you’re going on 30 and you’re in class with kids who don’t know who Joe Carter is because they weren’t born yet, that can bug you,” Mabee said. “You know how much they have

in front of them, and you want to go back and slap yourself and say ‘baseball doesn’t last forever, get it done.’”

After graduating with his degree in university studies this past May, he said his return to college provided him with lessons he wasn’t expecting.

“Looking back (at my first time at MSU), perhaps I didn’t take as much of an interest in studying because at the time my goal wasn’t academically based. I did what I needed to do to play baseball,” he said. “When I came back, I enjoyed learning. I took an interest in everything I did academically and it made it very enjoyable to learn again.”





A Seasonal Sight

The fall foliage adds even more beauty to the campus of Morehead State University. This shot was taken from the top of Cartmell Hall in October 2015.

Smith's business aims to revolutionize sports safety



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Common Sensors
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**CLOSING
BELL**

**AIMING TO PREVENT
CONCUSSIONS IN FOOTBALL**

CNBC

Buddy Smith discusses his concussion safety product, Common Sensors, on CNBC's "Closing Bell."

People in America love to watch football. But with more and more information surfacing about the long-term effects of concussions and brain injuries suffered by the hard-hitting nature of the game, people are watching football a bit differently.

the company) is a device placed on football helmets that helps track and potentially prevent concussions. It monitors the speed at which the helmet is moving after a hit (measured in G-force) while also tabulating the number of total hits a



Common Sensors, a sensor that attaches to the back of football helmets, measures both the total number of helmet hits and the speed of the helmet during a hit. When a hit exceeds a certain level of G-force, the sensor lights up so coaches can take the player out of the game to check them for concussion symptoms.

Smith hopes his product will be a huge step forward in concussion detection.

"My goal is to use the devices that I have to build up the data and the information for how the game can be the safest long-term," he said. "I'm trying to take information and make the safest, most fun game that we can have."

Prior to Common Sensors, Smith grew up in Morehead literally immersed in sports. His parents, **Dwight Smith (70)** and **Nelly Coomes (69)**, owned the former Smith's Sports Center on Main Street and Smith himself played both baseball and basketball for Rowan County Senior High School before coming to MSU. He graduated with a double major in both marketing and management before earning his MBA from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida.

He would go on to hold key sales and marketing positions for companies like Nike, Walt Disney World and NASCAR before eventually becoming the chief marketing officer for Madison Strategic Integration (MSI) in 2008. His decision to launch Common Sensors didn't just come from his personal sports background. Each of his four children is active in sports and he is also a former coach for Dr. Phillips Pop Warner youth football in Orlando, Florida.

Smith said he learned valuable lessons from his involvement in team sports that have aided in his own success, and he hopes technology like Common Sensors can help children build character through football and other sports while making safety a top priority.

"The impact is the potential opportunity to save lives and protect the game so kids can continue to learn from youth sports," he said. "Sports is about learning how to be the most successful that you can in any situation you're thrown into, whether you're winning or losing."

Currently, Common Sensors is building business partnerships with companies like Injure Free, a database for tracking student and athlete injuries, and Abbott Laboratories, which developed a blood test that detects concussions. Smith believes Common Sensors is well on its way to changing the game for the better.

"I've been blessed to have the opportunity to do something I'm really passionate about, hire the people I want to work with and really do what I want to in sports to protect the game and protect kids," he said. "That's all you can ask for in life, knowing that you're doing something to make an impact."

MSU and medicine define the Blair/Anderson family legacy

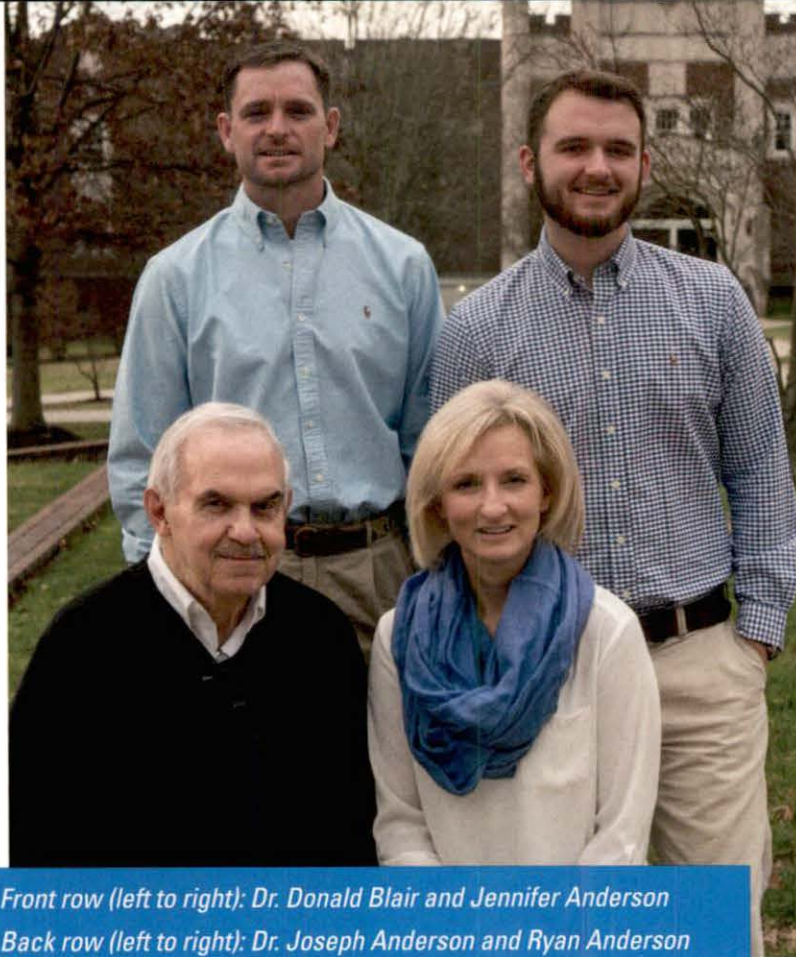
For **Dr. Donald Blair (62)**, his daughter **Jennifer Anderson**, her husband, **Dr. Joseph Anderson (98)**, and their son, Ryan Anderson, pursuing a career in a medical field is something of a family tradition. Don is a family doctor with a practice in Morehead right down the street from his daughter, who works as a pharmacist at Holbrook Drug. Joseph runs the Bath Veterinary Clinic in Owingsville while son Ryan is a college freshman studying pre-med with his sights on medical school.

While they all have the study of medical fields in common, Morehead State has been the school that continues to strengthen a family bond.

Both Don and Jennifer grew up in Morehead and attended the Breckinridge Training School on campus before eventually enrolling at Morehead State. Don has been attending MSU basketball games since he was in the fourth grade and continues to make frequent appearances at home games with his grandson Ryan in the stands.

"Almost everybody that's gotten their jersey retired in that gym (Johnson Arena), I've seen most of them play ball," Don said.

Don went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Louisville. Jennifer attended MSU from 1987 to 1991 and became a member of the Delta Gamma sorority before transferring to Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, to earn her bachelor's degree and complete pharmacy school. Joe graduated with a degree in biology and went to Auburn University for veterinary school.



*Front row (left to right): Dr. Donald Blair and Jennifer Anderson
Back row (left to right): Dr. Joseph Anderson and Ryan Anderson*

Jennifer and Joe eventually returned to Morehead and wanted to make sure their son knew the benefits that awaited him if he became an MSU Eagle.

"It is really important for my children not to feel like a number at college because you lose your confidence when you become a number. You lose your passion when you become a number. That doesn't happen here," she said. "It's important to feel a part of something."

Ryan is currently in the MSU Honors Program and recently became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity – the same fraternity as his father. He has loved living the college life with his parents and grandparents close by and is well aware of how his college path and career aspirations are both building on a family legacy.

"There have been three generations that have walked through this campus and all three generations have taken a biology path," he said. "It's interesting, in the grand scheme of things, how Morehead State has had an impact on our family."



ANSWERING THE CALL ...

JONATHAN CARROLL DOES HIS PART TO MAKE SURE ALL EAGLE HEROES HAVE A NEW HOME


It was not hard for **Jonathan Carroll (99)** to envision himself as an MSU student. Thanks to his mother, he and his sister, **Christina Carroll Utley (06)**, were on campus and walking to classrooms long before he officially enrolled.

"My mom went to school here as a nontraditional student," Carroll recalled. "In the mornings we would pack our notebooks and crayons and little things to keep us entertained throughout the day."

Today, the Olive Hill native makes it a point to come back to campus while also giving back. When he's not working around Morehead as a pharmaceutical sales rep for Merck & Co., he is an active alum who has donated to MSU for the past three years. He regularly attends events hosted by the Alumni Association, along with the annual Madrigal dinner and Spring Gala.

Now, Carroll wants to play a part in funding the new Alumni & Welcome Center. In honor of his gift to the building fund, the new center's catering area will be named The Carroll Family Kitchen, paying homage to his inspiring and motivating family.

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Jonathan Carroll standing in front of the future site of the MSU Alumni & Welcome Center. He's pictured with his wife, Kristina, his children, Vade and Bryleigh, and his mother, Shirley Carroll (86).

"You know, there were times in the morning I would wake up and not want to go to class," Carroll said. "But I would think about my mother and if Mom could do it, so could I. She was a first-time graduate of her family. She earned her bachelor's, master's and Rank I from here. My sister earned her bachelor's degree in nursing here. I want to give back. I'm humbled by the opportunity to give."

The new facility will house exhibits highlighting the University's history, hall of fame members and other notable alumni. There will be a gift shop with extended hours stocked with MSU memorabilia and rooms for hosting alumni meetings, gatherings and events. The center will also provide ease of access to information about the University, academic programs and how to schedule a tour.

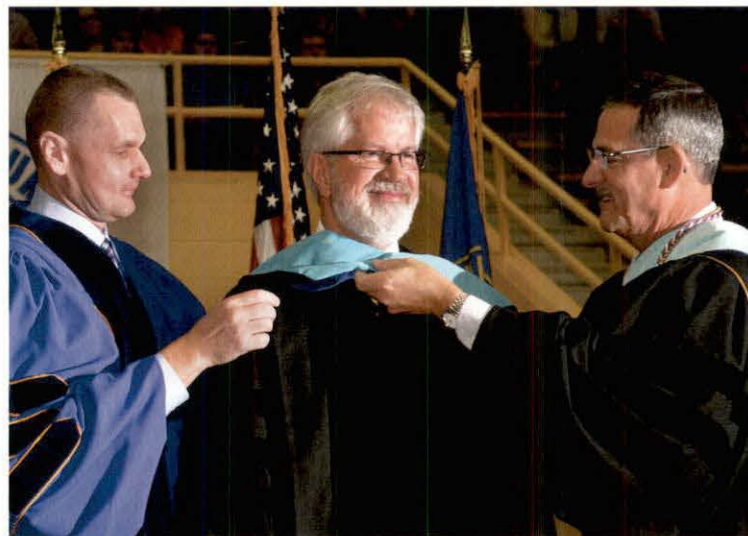
While every gift will make a difference, there are several naming opportunities for those who wish to leave a lasting tangible mark on Morehead State University. To make a contribution to the Alumni & Welcome Center, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at **800-783-ALUM** or alumni@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about the new Alumni & Welcome Center and other Eagle heroes (hence, the comic book theme), read our Summer 2015 edition of STATEMENT online at www.moreheadstate.edu/statement.





Upper left: (From left to right) Cadets **Timothy Hollingsworth (15)**, **Durinda Logan (15)** and **Caitlin Slack (15)** of MSU's ROTC program were commissioned as officers during the commencement ceremony.



Upper right: **Dr. Carl P. Rollins (70)** was presented an Honorary Doctor of Public Service at MSU's fall commencement.

Lower right: **Alexandra Taylor Day Queen (15)** of Catlettsburg was the student speaker during the commencement proceedings.





Above: MSU's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 31st Semi-Annual Rites of Passage Recognition Ceremony.

Fall graduates who participated were:

Front row (left to right): **Marcus Churchill (15), Jahmal Canty (15), William Douglas (15), Emry Davidson (15), Veronica Johnson (15), Monique Ntumba (15) and Brittany Middleton (15).**

Back row (left to right): **Keonna Gibbs (15), Brittany Harris-Williams (15), Robert Harden (15), Michael Jackson (15), Reginald Young (15) and Tameka Williams (15).**



#MSUHomecoming2015

Welcome home, Eagles!





Kelly Gardner Keene of Morehead and Dewey Copley of Pikeville were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at MSU's Homecoming 2015. Keene, a senior philosophy major and a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, was sponsored by Cru. Copley, a junior special education/elementary education major and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, was sponsored by Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

They were honored by (from left to right) **Eric Howard (81)**, MSU Board of Regents; First Lady Sue Andrews; President Wayne Andrews; and **Jason Rainey (03)**, interim president, MSU Alumni Association.

#MuchMoreHomecoming

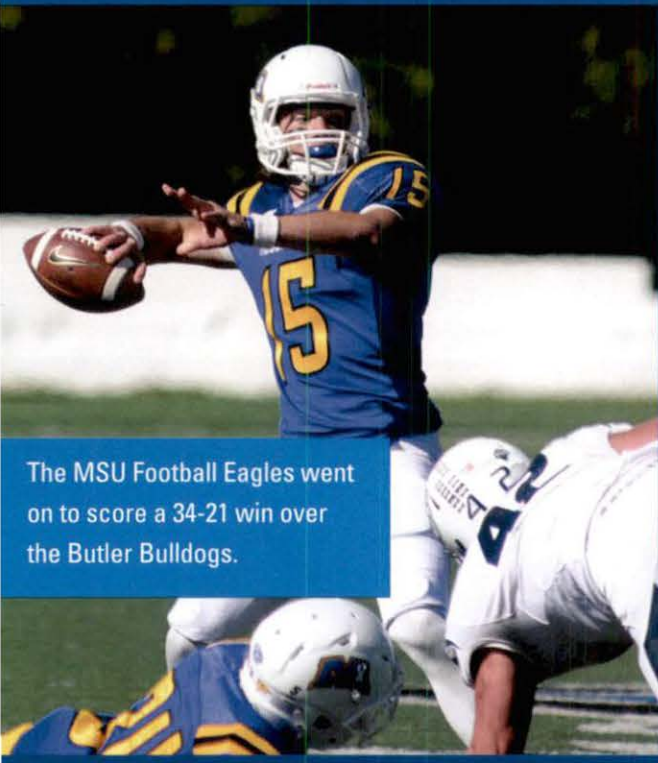
Class of 1965 Reunion Luncheon at Homecoming

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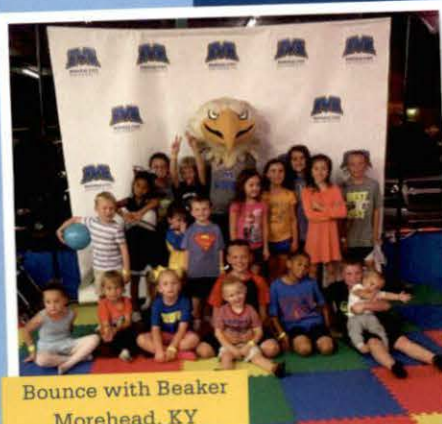


The MSU Football Eagles went on to score a 34-21 win over the Butler Bulldogs.



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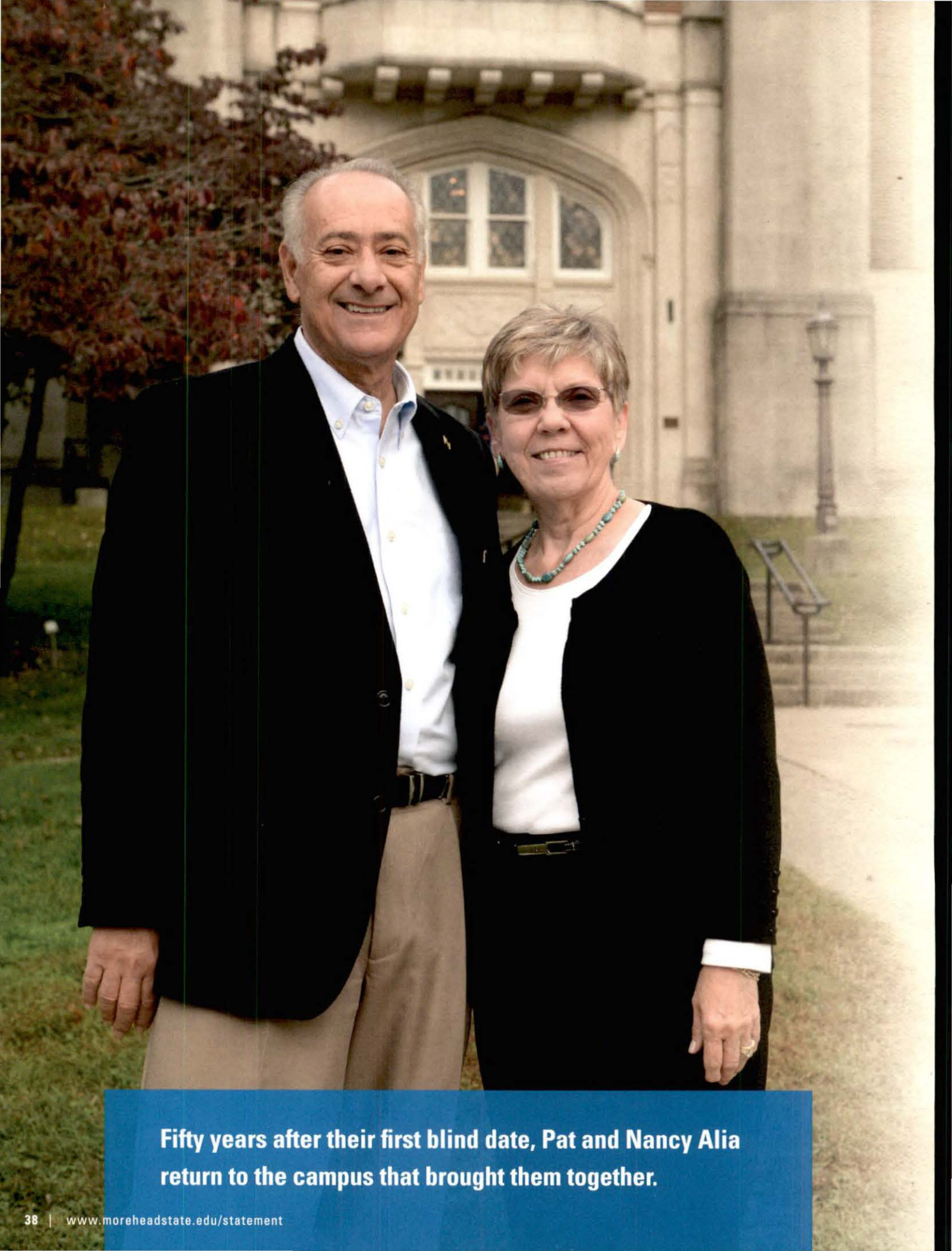


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Fifty years after their first blind date, Pat and Nancy Alia return to the campus that brought them together.

A Long-Lasting Love

Pat Alia (67) owes finding the love of his life to being available in a pinch.

It was Morehead State University's homecoming weekend in October 1965.

Nancy Harris, who lived in Ashland, Kentucky, came down to campus at the invitation of her friend **Peggy Calhoun (69)**, who set her up with somebody. They went to a lovely candlelight dinner but there was one thing missing: Nancy's date. So Peggy's date, **Mike Drahl (67)**, made a call to his fellow fraternity brother from Tau Alpha Epsilon to see if he could fill-in and meet up later that evening.

"I was easy-going and said, 'Yeah, sure. It's ok,'" Pat said.

Forty-six years of marriage, three kids and five grandchildren later, it's safe to say that first date turned out pretty well.

This romance between a Yankee from Staten Island, New York, and a small-town Kentucky girl found its footing at MSU. Pat, 69, was very active on campus while earning his Bachelor of Business Administration, serving as a president of both Pas Adelphi and the Newman Club and as an officer in Phi Beta Lambda. Nancy, 68, went to MSU for one year but she primarily lived in Ashland taking classes at the University of Kentucky extension. The visits to each other were limited and they mainly stayed in touch through letters, both while Pat was at MSU and when he went to Michigan State University to earn his MBA.



"We say we fell in love by mail because we couldn't afford phone calls," Nancy said. "We were never in the same place at the same time for four years and we said if we were ever going to get together, we were going to get married."

Pat and Nancy married in 1969 and currently reside in Hamilton, New Jersey. Pat is a long-time Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Nancy helped run

his office for 13 years before going on to earn her degree in liberal arts from Rider University in 1993. She eventually retired from New Jersey's Department of State after a decade of service.

The couple decided the 50th anniversary of their first-ever meeting was a good reason to make a rare trip back to the MSU campus for Homecoming 2015. They used the opportunity to meet up with old friends and classmates, get a slice of pizza from Pasquale's in downtown Morehead and walk the campus reminiscing, looking at long-time buildings they used to frequent while marveling at how the campus has evolved.

Both Pat and Nancy said they owe a lot to Morehead State as a place that helped them each grow up, find themselves and, through a bit of good fortune, find each other.

"When I think of Morehead, I think of Nancy. When I think of Kentucky, I think of Nancy," Pat said.

"It's such a part of our history," Nancy said. "We told (our children), it is important to celebrate moments."



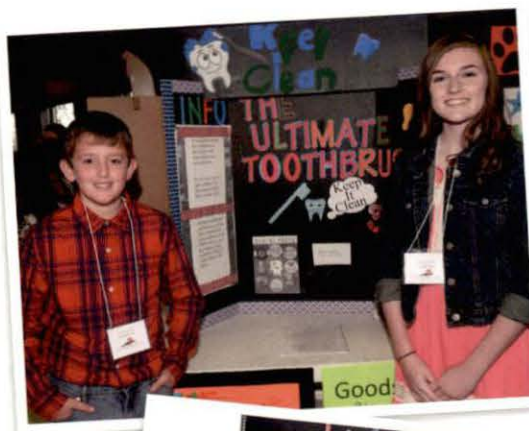
Tony Award-winning actor and MSU alum **Steve Kazee (02)** playing opposite actress Emmy Rossum in the SHOWTIME original series "Shameless." You can currently see Kazee acting on the TNT spy drama "Legends" and, according to Deadline.com, he will soon have a recurring role on the upcoming season of the ABC drama "Nashville" set to debut this March.

MSU Enactus team helps highlight middle school entrepreneurs

When it comes to sparking the entrepreneurial spirit in the youth of Eastern Kentucky, the Morehead State University School of Business Administration believes you're never too young to start thinking big.

The faculty and students from MSU's Enactus team, in collaboration with the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative's Appalachian Renaissance Initiative, helped coordinate the program "Building Entrepreneurial Capacity for the Future" and the Regional Entrepreneurship Competition and Fair.

"Building Entrepreneurial Capacity for the Future" provides training for middle school teachers from Kentucky that allows them to implement lessons on business and entrepreneurship into their classrooms. After participating in business and entrepreneurship competitions at their respective schools, winners gathered to pitch their business ideas for goods and/or services to a panel of MSU faculty, students and staff at the Regional Entrepreneurship Competition and Fair this past November in Hazard, Kentucky.



"Whether it's taught on an early grade level or it's taught on a college level, entrepreneurship opens doors and it makes students realize they can help make a difference in their world," said **Dr. Janet Ratliff (91)**, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship at MSU.



Overall, this fourth annual event allowed for a total of 796 middle school students from 14 schools and nine Kentucky counties the chance to gain business knowledge. It's something students from MSU's Enactus team look forward to participating in every year. They not only leave inspired

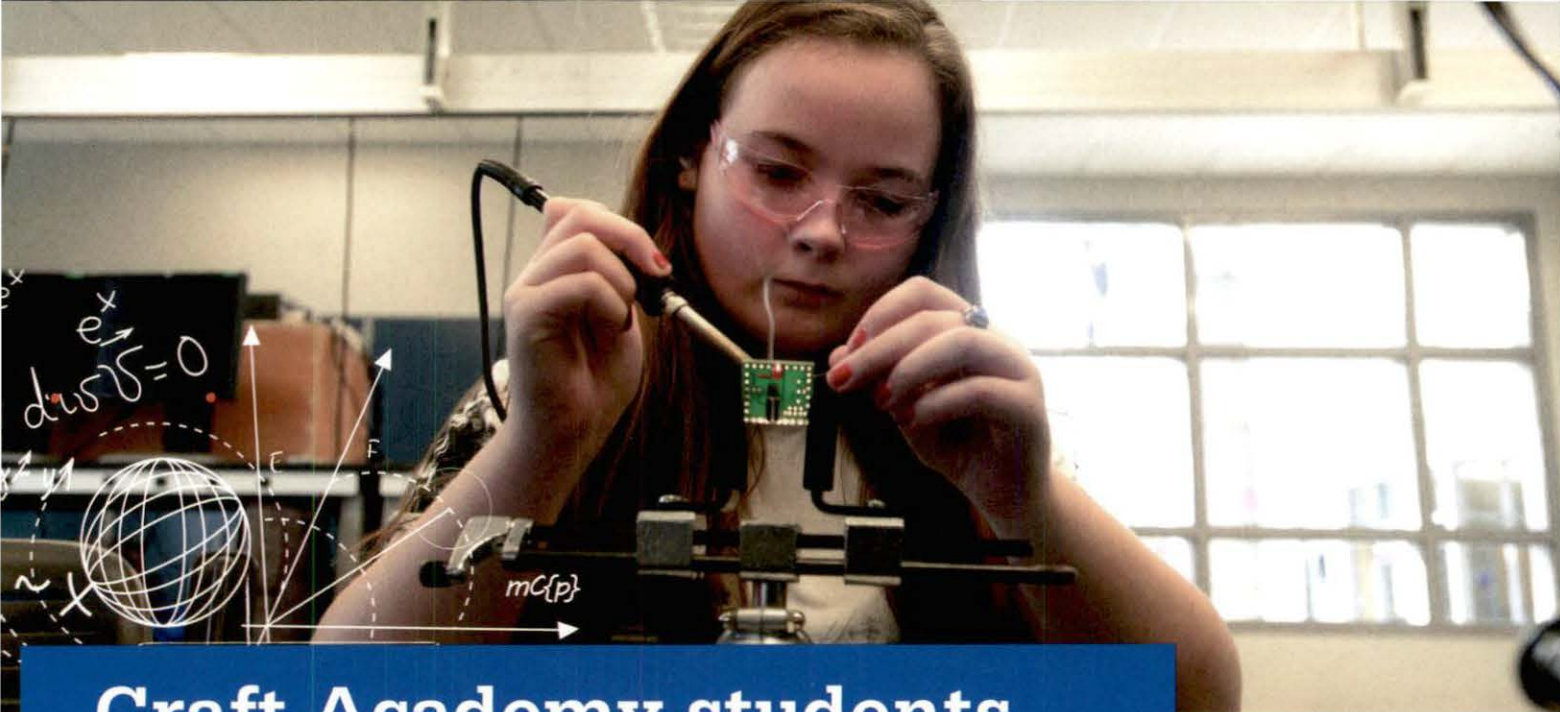
by the ambition of these young students, they see potential future entrepreneurs whose dreams and ambitions may go on to benefit Eastern Kentucky.

"This is definitely one of our biggest projects that we're really hyped about, because it could have such a big impact," said Kenton Sandfoss, an MBA student from Alexandria, Kentucky. "It might spark some future business ideas that might actually take off, which is definitely the hope."



Clarification

Our apologies to Dr. Nathania Bush, who was not prominently mentioned in the story about Camp SMILE in the last edition of STATEMENT. She was instrumental in helping to create the class students are required to take before working at the camp and is actively involved in the camp's activities each year. She is an associate professor in the Department of Nursing, teaching classes in both the pre- and post-licensure bachelor's degree nursing programs.



Craft Academy students thrive and succeed at MSU

Most everyone reading this knows how it feels to be a student in high school. But when it comes to being a student at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, we're talking about a much smaller number – currently 60, to be exact.

Some of the state's most academically-gifted students have recently completed their first semester in this dual-credit, residential high school located on the campus of Morehead State University. When you ask them about their experience, here are some of the words being thrown around:

"Life-changing."

"Comfortable."

"Rigorous."

"Rewarding."

"Fun."

"Some of the best months of my life."

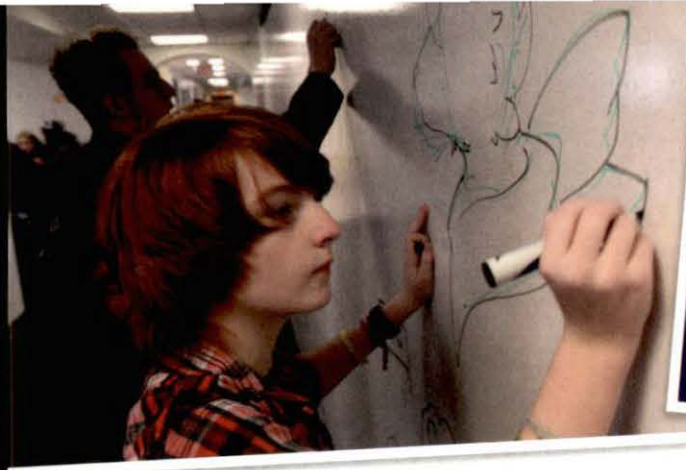
Between its academic offerings and unique social experience, the Craft Academy has been a resounding success for both the students and MSU.

"The kids have been wonderful. They have exceeded our expectations academically, socially and developmentally," said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy. "These kids are excelling in the classrooms and living up to what we would expect of a normal college freshman and beyond."

As members of the inaugural class of the Craft Academy, the students get a well-rounded education with particular emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They are taking college-level courses right alongside MSU students while getting to study subjects they couldn't take at a normal high school, such as space science, veterinary sciences and agriculture.

"The work being harder, more in-depth and much faster-paced than a normal high school curriculum, I really like the change," said Jeremy Webb of Louisa. "This is a place where you can be you and you can fully live up to the potential that you're capable of."

The residential aspect of the Craft Academy has proven to be a highlight of the overall experience. Isis Shackelford of Louisville said she really enjoys



the support system she gets from MSU staff while having access to the same perks as MSU students, whether she's taking fitness classes at the Recreation and Wellness Center, eating at ADUC or hanging out at the Space Science Center. She said this experience has a way of bringing her and many of her fellow classmates together.

"I feel like all of us going through this together is like we are leaving our childhoods behind and forging our own identities away from our parents," she said. "It has really helped us bond."

Based on the overall reactions, it looks like the Craft Academy is making these last two years of high school for these students extra special.

"The Craft Academy has reached my expectations and exceeded them," said Isabel Torres from Paris, Kentucky. "I was expecting a lot, and I got it."

For more information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy.

Eagle earns state appointment as adjutant general

Governor Matt Bevin has appointed MSU alum Brigadier General **Stephen R. Hogan (85)** as the 52nd adjutant general of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

General Hogan, a native of Hebron, Kentucky, was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at MSU. He earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2008. In 2010 and 2013, he completed the U.S. Northern Command Joint Task Force Command Course and U.S. Northern Command Joint Dual Status Commander's Course.

General Hogan is the recipient of numerous military honors and has held significant active duty assignments, including tours in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Richardson, Alaska; the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and Baghdad, Iraq. He formerly

served as assistant adjutant general for the Kentucky Army National Guard, where he was responsible for balancing the requirements of readiness, modernization, force structure and sustainment of the National Guard for mobilization and domestic missions.

Most recently, General Hogan led efforts to protect the dependents of service members as the chief executive officer of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. When not serving on federal active duty, General Hogan served in the Kentucky Army National Guard as an active duty guardsman with the state's Counter-Drug Unit from June 1993 to February 2011.





MSU Alumni Scholarship supports and expands the Eagle Nation

Among the tens of thousands of alumni and the thousands of current students, you will find families with multiple generations of MSU Eagles. With the MSU Alumni Scholarship, students will have an even greater incentive to carry on an Eagle legacy.

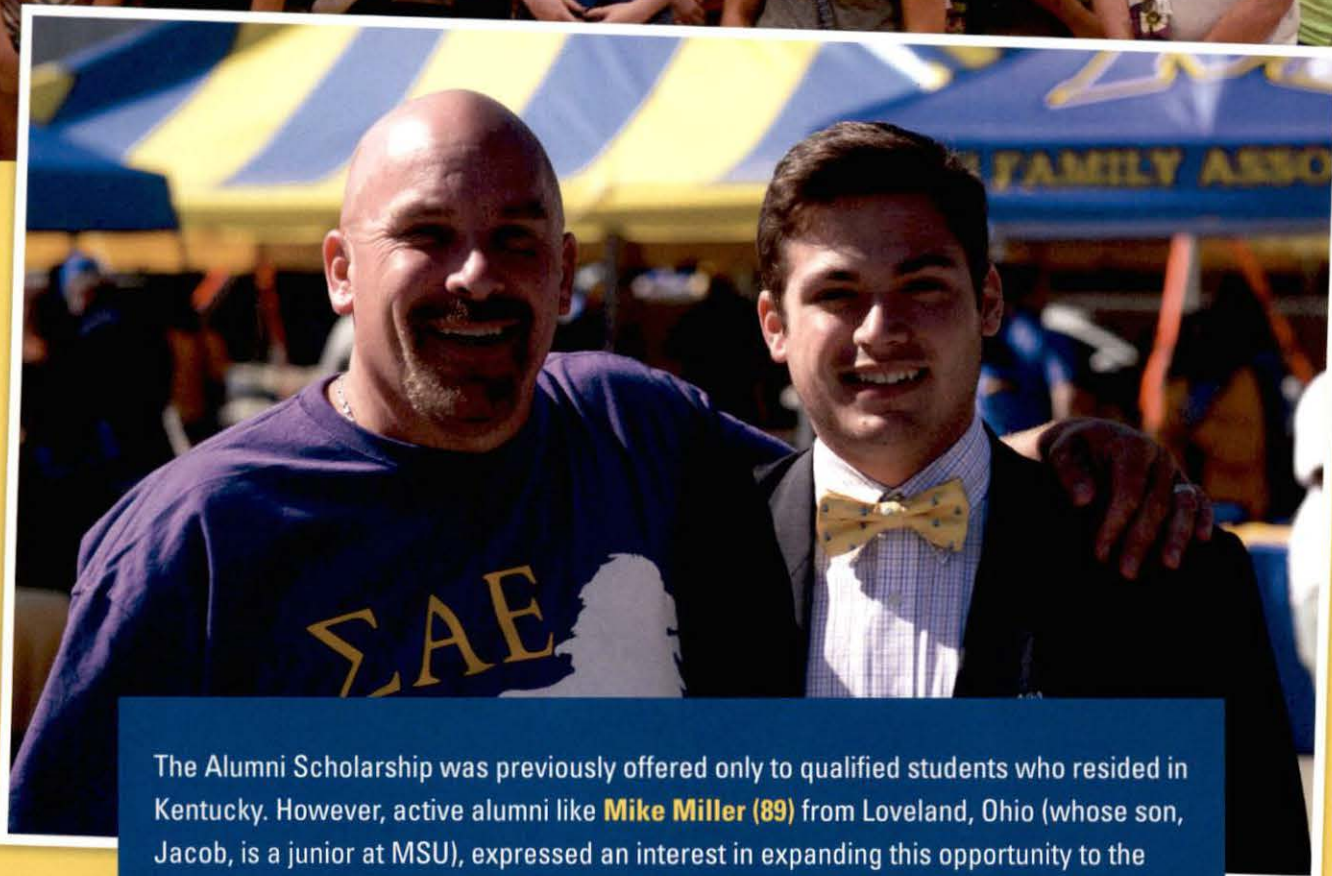
The MSU Alumni Scholarship is offered to students who are children, grandchildren or spouses of an active member of the MSU Alumni Association, who are alumni that have made an annual contribution to the MSU Foundation.

Kasey Riley, a Vanceburg native and senior general business major, is someone who has already greatly benefited from this scholarship. He admits he had already planned on following in the footsteps of his father, **Larry (81)**, and other family members by coming to MSU. The Alumni Scholarship provides Riley \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 over four years) with the option for renewal and the ability to be combined with other academic achievement scholarships. This made his decision to become an Eagle even easier.

"Being able to have the Alumni Scholarship and a couple of other scholarships really solidified my reason to go here," Riley said. "It helps me out a lot. It's turned out to be a lot of money and a lot of support toward my education."

A recent change has ensured that even more Eagle alumni will benefit. As of Fall 2016, eligibility for the Alumni Scholarship was expanded to include all first-time MSU students, incorporating out-of state students and transfer students.

"We want all alumni to be able to take advantage of this particular benefit of the Alumni Association, so the scholarship is now available to all children, grandchildren and spouses of alumni no matter where they reside," said **Mindy Highley (91)**, executive vice president of the MSU Alumni Association. "This scholarship is so important because for many of our alumni, MSU is a family tradition. We want to keep it that way and welcome generations of Eagle legacies for years to come."



The Alumni Scholarship was previously offered only to qualified students who resided in Kentucky. However, active alumni like **Mike Miller (89)** from Loveland, Ohio (whose son, Jacob, is a junior at MSU), expressed an interest in expanding this opportunity to the entire Eagle Nation.

"I think that kids that meet the criteria, that have the grades, should qualify," he said. "They're still children of alumni."

For more information on the scholarship and eligibility criteria, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

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Much more scholarship.

The MSU Alumni Scholarship provides \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 over four years) for academically eligible students who are children, grandchildren or spouses of an active member of the MSU Alumni Association. Qualified scholarship recipients can either be a new incoming freshman or a transfer student with at least 24 credit hours. Active members are those alumni who have made an annual contribution to the MSU Foundation. A \$100 gift is suggested for alumni seeking this scholarship for their family member.

The priority application deadline is March 15. To learn more about minimum academic requirements and application details for your future Eagle, visit

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BIRD WATCHING



Country artist, songwriter and Kentucky native Chris Stapleton (left) received both critical acclaim and three CMA Awards for his 2015 debut album “Traveller” – and he’s brought his good friend and bass guitarist **J.T. Cure (03, center)** along for the ride.

Cure, who earned a Bachelor in Business Administration from MSU, is a senior accounting manager at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville when he’s not accompanying Stapleton on bass both in the studio and on the road. Cure might want to make some room on his mantle for some prestigious hardware, since Stapleton’s album nabbed four nominations at the upcoming 2016 Grammy Awards, including Best Country Album and Album of the Year.

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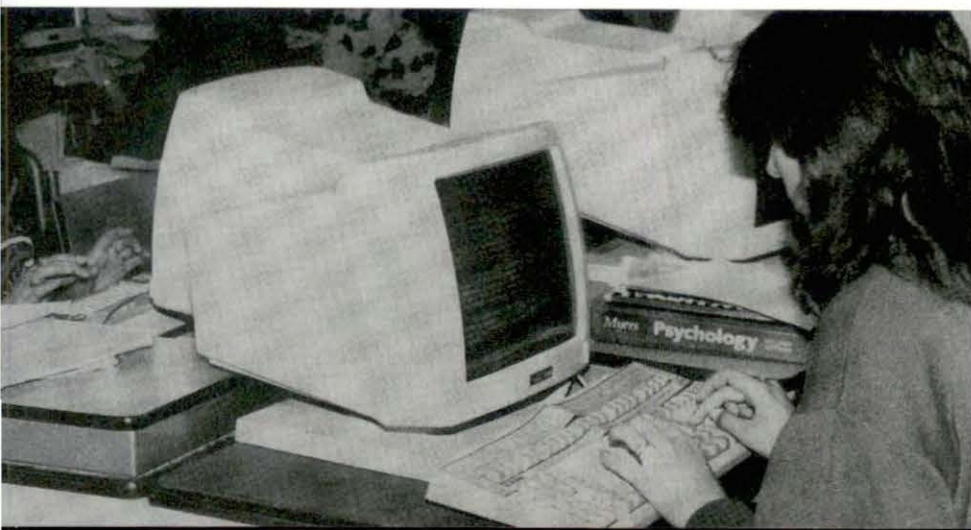
Eagles through the ages



We've already touched on how business and technology are helping usher MSU into the future. Now, let's take a fun look at the technology of the past courtesy of the Raconteur.

Can you identify any of the Eagles in these pictures?
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A big thanks to Colleen Brinkman, **Donna Lewis (76)**, **Donna Tatman Reed (73, 74)**, **Mary Sue Gee (71)**, Patrick Mahony and **Willi Walker** for helping us identify the alumni in the photos in the last award-winning issue of **STATEMENT**.

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Fame & Glory

Morehead State University football player Thomas Napier, a freshman from Ceredo, West Virginia, joins his fellow ROTC cadets for a swearing-in ceremony during MSU's last home football game of the 2015 season.



FAME



Jewell, Sigala named All-OVC; Jewell is Freshman of the Year

At the Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament awards banquet, it was announced that MSU freshman Merideth Jewell and senior Hannah Sigala were named to the 2015 All-OVC Team and Jewell was named OVC Freshman of the Year.

Jewell is the fifth player in MSU history to win this award and the first since **Laura McDermott (14)** did so in 2012. The other winners were **Casie Garland (05)** in 2001, **Ashley Doscher (09)** in 2005 and **Annie Gruenschlaeger (13)** in 2009. Morehead State has now had two or more players represented on the All-OVC team in nine of the past 10 years.

Jewell led the Eagles with 462 kills on the year, which ranked second in the conference and 19th in the country. She also leads the team with 4.02 kills

per set, 36 service aces, 278 digs and 4.61 points per set. She had double-digit kills in all but four matches this season, including a career-high 26 against Marist in early September. In the win over Eastern Illinois, she led the way with 22 kills.

Jewell was named the OVC Newcomer of the Week five times this season.

Sigala, who was also named to the preseason All-OVC Team, led the Eagles and ranked fourth in the OVC with a .313 hitting efficiency. She ranked second on the team with 270 kills and first with 95 blocks. In the win over Austin Peay on senior day, she recorded 16 kills on just 22 attempts, good for a .682 hitting efficiency.

& GLORY



Former Eagle is ArenaBowl champ

For former Morehead State defensive back **David Hyland (09)**, calling himself a champion is now a reality.

Hyland, who holds MSU records for most career interceptions (21) and pickoffs in a season (8), recently helped the San Jose Sabercats win ArenaBowl XXVIII. He played a pivotal defensive role, ensuring the Sabercats' victory with an interception return for a touchdown early in the third period. He won Defensive Player of the Game.

Hyland was also awarded the 2015 Al Lucas AFL Pulse Hero Award for his contributions to the AFL off the field.

A native of Woodstock, Georgia, he starred for the Eagles from 2005-08 and helped his squad win the 2005 Pioneer Football League South Division title. A versatile athlete, he set the school record for



longest interception return for a touchdown when he ran 100 yards against Campbell. When his Eagle career concluded, he held the Football Championship Subdivision pass break-up career record with 61.

His professional career has included stints in the Canadian Football League and the Arena League. He transitioned to the Arena League with the Utah Blaze in 2012 and spent two seasons there before joining San Jose. Following the 2015 campaign, Hyland had amassed 24 career interceptions in the AFL.

Eagle Soccer receives All-OVC honors


Two Eagle freshmen kicked off their first season of MSU Soccer with a bang.

Abby Timm, a native of Byron, Illinois, was named the OVC Freshman of the Year, as well as a member of both the All-OVC First Team and the All-

Newcomer Team. Timm posted nine goals and four assists on the year after starting 10 of 20 matches while netting multiple goals three times during the 2015 season.

Fellow freshman Dani Wilson from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, was also named to the All-Newcomer Team while claiming All-OVC Second Team honors. She started 20 of 21 games, accruing eight goals and a team-high six assists.





Rifle program has sights on much more winning

Chances are, when many a football or basketball player sits down in a Morehead State classroom, people will notice. Size says a lot.

On the other end of the spectrum, perhaps the most anonymous-looking folks on campus are members of the Eagle Rifle team. They blend in with the crowd. Make no mistake, though, these Eagles are athletes – athletes in an indoor, co-ed Olympic sport.

“I know, going around, people don’t consider rifle shooting a sport,” said Siarra “CC” Crum, a freshman from Portage, Pennsylvania. “If you look at the very competition, we fight against each other to get that top score. I feel like I’m an athlete.”

The MSU Rifle team’s campus home, the Button Rifle Range, is where shooters practice on state-of-the-art electronic targets for competitions in both air rifle and smallbore.

Air rifle, contested with a .177 caliber pellet, uses compressed air and is fired at a distance of 10 meters – about 33 feet. Contestants take 60 shots from a standing position from the target distance, shooting at a bull’s-eye that appears to be roughly the size of a period at the end of a sentence.

By comparison, smallbore uses a .22 caliber cartridge with a target distance of 50 feet. Contestants also take a total of 60 shots (20 kneeling, 20 prone and 20 standing).

The MSU roster of five males and three females may not get to wear pads, cleats or jerseys, but they do wear custom-made jackets and pants made of leather and canvas. The uniforms are designed to give support and stability in shooting positions and traction materials on the elbows and shoulders help prevent the rifle from slipping.

Alan Joseph, in his second season as coach of the Eagles, said he is very happy with where his team is at for this point of the season.

“We’re just beginning to hit our stride,” he said. “This team has seven underclassmen out of eight. I have one senior, four sophomores and three freshmen. And we’re chasing people down with underclassmen, so I’m very, very happy.”

Ethan Cole, a fifth-year senior who is serving as Joseph’s assistant, says the Eagles are getting better with experience.



"With them being so young, they're having struggles right now," Cole said. "But as the year has progressed, and under Joseph's tutelage, the team will reach new heights."

While other sports rely on making split-second decisions, the rifle team may take precious minutes if it guarantees the perfect shot. With a time limit of one hour and 15 minutes to shoot 60 shots in air rifle, and one hour and 45 minutes for smallbore, more than a minute can pass between shots.

"Rifle is, in my opinion, 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," said Seth Baker, a sophomore from Saxton, Pennsylvania. "Because you're always fighting with yourself mentally – pull the trigger, not to pull the trigger, get yourself aligned with the target, and everything else like that. I do consider it like a sport, obviously, but more of a mental sport."

"It's crazy how your mind can determine your fate," said team captain Joe Fischer, a sophomore from Stoystown, Pennsylvania. "You compete with yourself every single time."

The rifle team recently eclipsed the 4,600 mark for the second time this season. Powered by a school record-tying smallbore total, the MSU rifle team shot its second best aggregate score in program history at Jacksonville State this past January. The team plays crucial contests in February for both the conference championship and later the qualifying match for the NCAA Championship.

According to Joseph, he wants the team to be trending upward for these early matches and the key to finding that upward trend is repetition.

"Each match, they gain a little experience, a little more confidence," he said. "And they were recruited because of their ability and my belief in them, and now they work together as a team. Each match, they work on some small things to improve, no matter what. I mean, we improve in some way week after week. And even if it's internal dynamics, it continues to improve."

"That's very critical in a sport like ours. This team has a phenomenal chemistry and that's reflected in their scores."

Notable Eagles honored during Homecoming



Alumni Hall of Fame

Chuck Charles (74) currently resides in Ashland. He is the mayor of Ashland, as well as vice president and chief development officer for Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation. A former member and past-president of the MSU Alumni Association Board, Charles served from 1998-2006. He was recently the recipient of the 2015 Leadership Tri-State Community Service award.

Kelly Kulick (00) now lives in Union, New Jersey. She is a successful professional bowler who made history in 2010 when she became the first woman to win a national title on the Professional Bowlers

Association (PBA) Tour. She was the 1997 and 1998 Collegiate Bowler of the Year while at MSU and a six-time member of Team USA.

Randy Lillard (98) is a resident of League City, Texas. He is the assistant director for advanced development projects at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). While a student at MSU, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and also served as Interfraternity Council president, president of the Student Alumni Ambassadors and was a member of the Student Government Association.

Athletic Hall of Fame

Kandi Brown Parker (04) was a four-year starter for women's basketball and owns the Morehead State record for career free-throw percentage. Her foul-line percentage ranks third in NCAA Division I history and fourth among all divisions. She led the Ohio Valley Conference in free-throw accuracy all four seasons and places second in school history and fourth in the conference record book with 248 three-pointers made. She also ranks among Morehead State's career leaders in several categories, free-throws made (5th), steals (7th), scoring (8th), games played (10th) and assists (11th).

Jim Wells (73) is a Morehead native with family ties to MSU for multiple generations. He's worked with MSU Athletics for nearly 40 years, serving as a student manager for the Eagle Baseball program, a staff member in the Office of Sports Information, manager at the University's Sunny Brook Golf Course, assistant softball coach in 1990 and led the Eagles to a 32-19 record as head coach in 1991. After his brief coaching stint, he spent 17 more years in a variety of athletic administration roles until his retirement in 2008. He now serves as the official scorer for home Eagle basketball games.



Front row from left: Lucien Rice (accepting for his father W.H. Rice) and Carol Johnson.
Back row from left: Jim Wells, Kandi Brown Parker, Randy Lillard, Kelly Kulick and Chuck Charles.

Johnson and Rice receive 2015 Founders Award for University Service

Between the two of them, **Carol Johnson (67, 73)** and the late W.H. "Honie" Rice served MSU for more than 80 years. It only seems appropriate for the pair to have the esteemed honor of each receiving the 2015 Founders Award for University Service.

Johnson spent more than 40 years in service to the University and served as an assistant to seven presidents. Her professionalism and dedication was unwavering and much of her "behind the scenes" work went unrecognized during her tenure.

Rice served for more than 30 years as superintendent of buildings and grounds during MSU's most dramatic growth.

Beginning with a staff of seven, he saw that number grow to more than 200 before his retirement. He was described as "knowing more about the entire campus than anyone else except maybe the president," a role he didn't take lightly. The Office of Facilities Management is located in Rice Services Building, which is named in his honor.

The Founders Award for University Service was established by the Board of Regents in 1978 and has been presented each year to individuals with records of outstanding service to the University.

Who will be next?

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Kinsley Mayhorn – daughter of Brandon (08) and Keri Mayhorn (08)

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